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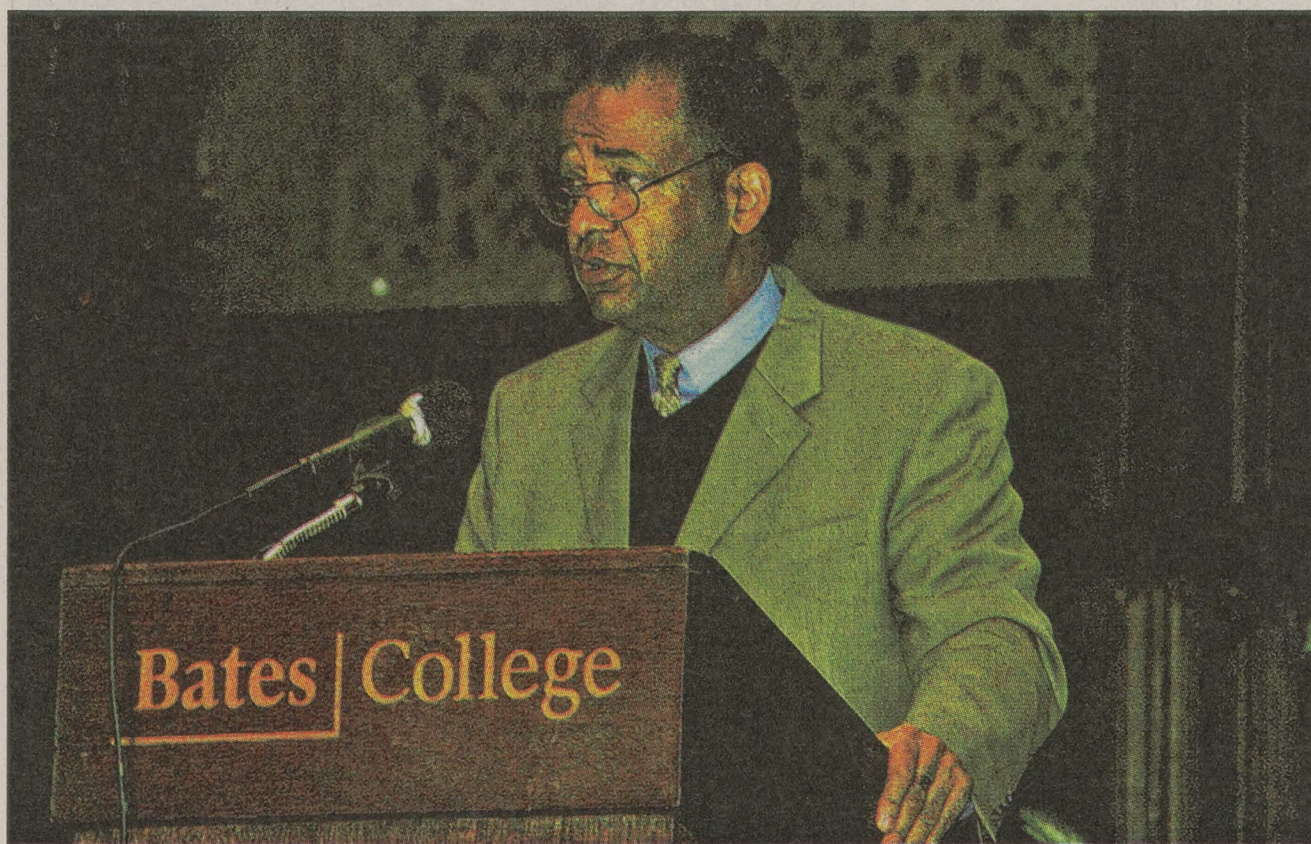
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LEWISTON MAINE

Speakers Stress Intergenerational Communication at MLK, Jr. Day Events



During his keynote address yesterday, Dr. Cleveland Sellers focused on the greater community that Dr. King represented.

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Two moving speakers addressed the Bates College Chapel this weekend, and shared with their feelings on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. and the civil rights movement. Both Ruby Sales and Dr. Cleveland Sellers actively participated in and made large contributions to the civil rights movement, working for the Student Non-Violent Coordinating Committee (SNCC) and committing acts of civil disobedience to stand up for their beliefs.

A few common themes tied together both presentations honoring King. Sales and Sellers wanted to stress that King was not a lone hero; he gave a voice to a movement that came out of a collective struggle of students, ministers, old and young people who were tired of accepting segregation and oppression. Both speakers also urged students to

not only honor the accomplishments of the Southern Freedom Movement, but to take responsibility for the inequities and unjust violence that remain in our society today.

The cause for justice was characterized as one that should be intergenerational. As Sellers concluded, Bates students today are "inheriting a broken world," full of dehumanization of Iraqis, rampant poverty in our own communities as seen in New Orleans and a continuance of white supremacy. Sales introduced the idea of "call and response," as a call for justice that our generation will have to respond to in our own way.

Sunday evening's memorial service held in honor of King featured an introduction by Chaplain Bill Blaine-Wallace and performances by the Bates Northfield Singers and the Merimanders before Sales spoke. Sales grew up in Alabama and participated in the Mont-

gomery marches in 1965. That year a white man attempted to shoot her, but her friend, a white seminarian named Jonathon Daniels, pushed her out of the way and took the bullet for her, dying on the spot. Sales testified against the shooter, but he was acquitted by an all-white jury. However upsetting, the incident did lead to a reevaluation of the segregated jury systems in the South, and furthered Sales' interest in social activism.

Sales' later achievements included contributions to several organizations promoting equality for black women, as well as becoming a teacher and scholar at Princeton University. She later went on to found Spirit House, a nonprofit organization that focuses on instituting nonviolence, after earning a masters degree in divinity at the Episcopal Divinity School.

Sales' talk first focused on remind-

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Administration Addresses Diversity Coalition's Concerns

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ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

The Diversity Coalition hosted a panel of eight members of the administration, faculty and staff in Chase Hall Wednesday night on diversity at Bates. Representing six departments, the panelists described their work to increase diversity and improve the campus climate at Bates and took questions from the crowd.

The Diversity Coalition was formed by a group of students after the diversity rally this fall. The coalition, which is committed to the increased awareness and advancement of diversity, holds open weekly meetings to discuss these issues.

College Chaplain Bill Blaine-Wallace, who opened the panel, said that it was a forum to "embrace the subject of diversity, a subject made delicate by the strong desire and deep need to be heard." He asked the audience to "sit on the hands of desire and need," and instead to listen generously and respectfully to one another. "Don't presume to know what the other person is saying," Blaine-Wallace said.

Michael Wilson '07, an active member of the coalition, introduced the panelists with a brief history of diversity at Bates. The Campus Climate Project, which began in 2005, left participants hopeful for the future of diversity at Bates, said Wilson, but project participants also recognized that similar studies have been going on since 1992. After the march for diversity, which had no official reply from the administration, the idea for this panel was formed to facilitate dialogue, and allow members of the community to voice questions.

The panelists prepared a packet with information on diversity at Bates, coupled with statistics on institutional financial planning and analysis, comparing it with that at similar colleges

and universities. President Hansen, the first panelist to speak, reviewed the packet and its contents, pointing out key information and raising the issues about the college's funding.

Hansen pointed out two charts in the packet: one showing the enrollments of Bates and comparable schools in ascending order of percentage of diverse students, and another with the schools listed in that same order, but showing their endowments instead of diversity. The two charts were almost identical, leading Hansen to note that, "we are as diverse as we are wealthy."

"If we are going to do more [to increase diversity], we need more financial aid. There is little room to do more without additional gifts," she said.

The other half of the packet focused on current actions and plans to increase diversity. It included Hansen's remarks from the 2006 matriculation dinner, which emphasized diversity as key to the school's wellbeing, and a copy of the Benjamin Mays Initiative. The latter was marked "draft," Hansen said, because it is "a living document, not a blueprint."

Copies of the prepared information packet, which were given to each attendee, have been put on reserve in the library for anyone interested in viewing the information.

The rest of the panel was made up of Dean of Admissions Wylie Mitchell, Director of Multicultural Recruitment Marylyn Scott, Dean of Students Tedd Goundie, professor of biology Pamela Baker, who was representing the Dean of Faculty, Special Assistant to the President Sue Houchins, Vice President for College Advancement Vicky Devlin and Director of Security Tom Carey.

The second panelist, Mitchell, explained that the Office of Admissions has focused on three areas with respect to diversity: staffing, recruitment and networking. With the addition of Scott

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Anti-Racism Panel Calls for Awareness of Privilege

SAM NAGOURNEY
ASSISTANT NEWS EDITOR

Bates honored Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. yesterday starting off the day with an anti-racist panel discussion. Students, faculty and other Lewiston-Auburn residents filled Chase Hall Lounge early Monday morning to see an event hosted by a race-focused community action group in collaboration with Professor Emily Kane's sociology course, "Privilege, Power and Inequality."

The panel was intended to educate people about the importance of anti-racists versus non-racists. Non-racists privately disagree with overt forms of racism, while anti-racists publicly oppose overt and structural forms of racism and recognize white privilege. Anti-racists turn words into action. Panelist Jordan Williams '08 suggested that anti-racist behavior includes an administration that "establishes a code of conduct that explicitly and consistently deals with issues sur-

rounding race, hate and bias."

Williams was unwilling to grant Bates redemption for "stepping outside of the cloud of denial and admitting that there is a problem."

Almost a year after a vandalous hate crime was discovered in Pettingill, Williams noted, "We are all able to eloquently explain that there is a lack of diversity on campus."

"It becomes clear that simply bringing brown-skinned bodies to this school is not going to necessarily combat behavior," Williams said, expressing his concern that students may assume that diversity is the ultimate end to racism.

Attributing this misconception to his belief that Bates has never really defined racism, Williams offered his own definition: "Racism is not just an attitude or belief that there exist superior or inferior races, more importantly, it is behavior and institutions that give material support to such attitudes and beliefs.... Racism is

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Tree Removal Disappoints Many Students and Faculty Members



AMELIA LARSEN / THE BATES STUDENT

Last month 78 trees were cut along Andrews Rd. Paper birches will be planted to replace them as part of the Bates Walk.

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Bates students returned from winter break last week to find a substantial piece of the campus drastically altered. Andrews Road, a heavily trafficked area of campus, lined with dorms and academic buildings, was stripped of nearly all of its trees in order to begin work on the new Bates Walk.

The Walk, a white birch-lined thoroughfare planned to beautify the now-lackluster walkway and integrate the new Commons with the rest of the campus may improve campus aesthetics, but many are wondering: at what price?

Some of the trees removed were not only old and familiar staples of the campus, but also memorials. This, in particular, raised much concern. A large portion of the Brearley garden, planted adjacent to Hathorn Hall in memory of Professor Margaret Brearley, who died in the 1980s, was removed as well.

Students and faculty are wondering if this new plan could perhaps have

been more sensitive to such concerns as historic preservation. Last week's faculty meeting heavily addressed these concerns, with President Hansen devoting nearly an hour to discussion on the topic.

Professor of Russian Jane Costlow was one of many faculty members who expressed not only a sense of loss over the trees, but a sense of deception on the part of the administration. Although the campus was notified that some trees would be coming down as part of the project, Costlow claimed that according to a show of hands at the faculty meeting, "the overwhelming majority of faculty didn't realize that all the trees would be taken down."

This evident lack of communication is a problem that must be quickly remedied at a time when the Bates campus and community at large are experiencing a tremendous amount of change. Suggestions for bridging this communication gap include involving more members of the faculty on the Master Plan's steering committee and

marking trees slotted for demolition to give the community an accurate picture of how the campus will be affected.

Many students are feeling the loss of the trees as well, and have been expressing their worries through such venues as the recent BCSG and Environmental Coalition meetings.

The Environmental Coalition raised several concerns with the tree removal, including the lack of species diversity on the Walk, as only white birch trees will be planted, and what was done with the wood from the trees.

"Given the strong emotional bond between members of the Bates community and the trees, we feel that it would have been appropriate to use the wood in a way that would have served the community in a creative and commemorative fashion," Win Rodgers '09 said in an e-mail, writing on behalf of the E.C.

The club suggested that additional felled trees should be used in a memori-

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Scrapping the To-Do List

ALLIE GOLDSTEIN
FORUM LAYOUT EDITOR

After finishing my last final the Friday before break and driving the two hours back to suburbia, I decided to kick off my winter vacation with a little shopping trip. This seemed like a fairly normal thing to do. I could browse the bookstore, try on eyeshadow at MAC and take a few shots of free hot chocolate at Williams-Sonoma.

It wasn't until I unloaded 10 bulging shopping bags from my car and started to log on to Garnet Gateway that I realized something was wrong. Perhaps it was just a coincidence that I bought all of my holiday gifts in two hours flat. I'd really like to think that. But looking back on my rampage through Gap and my robotic survey of every genre of DVD at Borders, I'm pretty sure that I treated my shopping trip more like a fifth final than a celebration of finishing my fourth.

Only after wrapping all of my purchases in shiny paper and writing a lengthy to-do list was I able to return to a resting heart rate. My list of anticipated accomplishments over break included, but was not limited to, the following items: find an internship; go ice skating; learn Spanish; get published; decide where to go abroad; cook something; save the world. Okay, so the last one wasn't really on there, but you get the idea. I was ambitious.

So why the list? Well, for those of you who actually look forward to vacations, I'll let you in on a little secret: I hate relaxing. I'd prefer to have every minute of my day scheduled than face the great plains of open time. Don't get me wrong, I'd rather my schedule say "9 a.m.: sunbathe" than "9 a.m.: go to class." But having nothing scheduled at all seems to me to be more torturous than glamorous. Just thinking about those three empty, expansive weeks made me queasy. What was I going to do?

Needless to say, I didn't do any of the things on the list. Instead of applying for internships, I've decided to spend my summer finger-painting and doing cannonballs at a local day camp.

I didn't study Spanish over break, and the closest I came to cooking something was frosting a gingerbread man. Unless Facebook posts count for something, I did not get published and, due to the unusually warm winter weather, I didn't even go ice skating. According to my to-do list, I am zero for about thirty-seven.

However, I do not view my winter break as a complete failure. I did, after all, watch an entire season of "Grey's Anatomy" in one night. What I found most remarkable about my winter vacation is that I was able to accomplish a fair amount without trying. Even in my most primal stages of sloth and gluttony, I managed to see quite a few good movies, hold some interesting conversations and catch up with family. I even read two books and went to a museum. It turns out that doing nothing is actually fairly difficult.

There is a Chinese proverb that says, "Through boredom comes fascination," and I think that's pretty true. Without things like "Hamlet" to think about, I found myself drifting back to earth a little. In the setting of my old life, I became a little of my old self again. I reacquainted myself with my elementary school playground. I visited a girl I used to babysit, now a head taller. I even read the newspaper.

So if my winter break were a fable, the moral would be this: Three weeks of nothingness isn't the worst thing that could ever happen to me. In fact, being bored was probably the healthiest thing I did all year.

Of course, on returning to Bates, I quickly acclimated myself to the familiar joys of filling in my datebook and being enslaved by the seductive chimes of the Hathorn bells. Yet, rushing across the quad to receive yet another epic syllabus, I found myself missing the days when my biggest worry was whether I should bother to set my alarm. These were the days in which anything could happen. Perhaps it would be a day of nothingness, or perhaps it would be a day of spontaneously combusting entertainment. Either way, there is something strangely satisfying about writing a to-do list in retrospect.

BATES RATES

Mug patrol



I wonder how long the plastic mug I left in the bushes will take to decompose.

New campus stumps



Maybe we could use the wood to make new paper cups.

Snow



Now it will be easier to find your passed-out friend.

Mini Corn Muffins



Mmm... Cake disguised as nutrition.

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The Bates Student Letters

Bates Walk Plans Are Environmentally Flawed

To the Editor:

Like many people I was distressed to return to campus and find so many trees cut down for the Bates Walk. While I acknowledge that trees needed to be cut I was surprised to see stumps in front of the Bill, on the side of Hedge and other locations that were about 20 yards away from the current path/road. As someone who has a background in forestry, I would also like to point out that the plan to plant only birch trees is flawed. Any forester will tell you that diversity is key to a forest's environment. While the Bates Walk cer-

tainly won't be a forest stand, there are still problems that arise by only having one species of tree. At any moment a disease or insect could decimate a single species (i.e. Dutch Elm Disease, Chestnut Blight or Emerald Ash Borer). In fact, birch trees already have a weakness against the Birch Borer, which has devastated birch stands in the United States. While trees in more northern climes are more resistant to the borer, global warming is going to change that. My family has a birch tree in our yard in Michigan where we have temperatures usually a degree or two warmer than Lewiston. Our tree

needs to occasionally be sprayed with pesticides in order to keep the borer at bay. While birch trees are some of my favorites, this pesticide application could present an additional cost to the college of several thousand dollars a year. I admit that I did not go to any of the construction planning meetings last semester, but now I regret it, since once magnificent maples and oaks have sadly been reduced to stumps.

-Chris Theile '07

Commons Etiquette

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There are a lot of very annoying things about Commons. There aren't nearly enough tables for the student body, the travel mugs smell either like green herbal tea or chocolate, you have to pass through the cavernous tunnel on your way in, there is no feasible way to bring cereal, soda, or soft serve in a cup outside commons and there is a sneaking suspicion that the Gestapo, ahem, Mug Patrol is hovering in the shadows of the creepy room in the back. Some of these problems will be fixed by the new Commons, and hopefully someone will realize that the supposedly HUGE wood structure hovering above the salad bar is only the size of one dumpster and the paper cups should come back. But there are some problems that no new building and no better policy will change, and only you can fix these problems. By following the proper rules of commons etiquette you can make our dining hall a better place.

Commons was designed to feed about 400 students so nowadays, it's a little crowded. Act accordingly. There are narrow pathways throughout Commons, do not block them. When standing in the aforementioned narrow pathway and engaging in conversation, make sure that you and the person with whom you're conversing are not standing with your trays outstretched in the middle of the path, effectively putting up a roadblock the width of three people. When talking with one person, stand facing each other so you're only taking up the width of one person. If a group of more than two attempts to engage you in conversation, run away, make up an excuse, nothing can be so important to talk about in Commons that you must discuss it immediately and sacrifice the greater good.

Don't have a conversation in the

coffee line that you can't finish in the time it takes to make your coffee. It should take no longer than a minute to get your coffee, add your sugar and cream, and leave. The coffee line isn't your local coffee shop. You don't meet up there to go over the day's news and talk about what happened Friday night. That's for the table.

Don't be a deer in the headlights. If you're looking for your friends in Commons, thinking about a test you just failed or simply zoning out, do it somewhere that isn't the middle of the walkway.

Cutting the Commons line is not universally wrong. If you have items that you can carry in your two hands without a tray, cutting the line and putting your dishes behind the cutlery on someone else's tray or an open space

"Ever notice how the beef and broccoli doesn't have any broccoli in it? Is that your fault?"

on the belt is completely legitimate. However, no matter where you're sitting if you have a tray, get in line. If your friend is at the front of the line, say a quick "hello" but don't use him or her to get your tray on the belt sooner.

Another note about proper line etiquette; this isn't bumper cars. You're going to get to the conveyor belt just like everyone else, no need to push, and no need to have the person in front of you feel your breath on the back of his neck. This isn't Europe, we leave space in America, it's a big country, there's enough room in the line for everyone and I expect never to be hit in the back by a tray again. On that note, after placing your tray on the conveyor belt, proceed forward, not backwards into the line of people, it's unexpected and invariably leads to a disaster of dropped trays and drinks spilling.

Returning from Abroad, Miley Resolves to Talk to Girls, Utilize Bates' One-Dollar Movie Night

JOHN MILEY
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Here I am back at Bates after being abroad in Edinburgh, Scotland for the semester. Including the summer, I've been away from Bates for seven months. That's enough time not only for things to change at Bates, but also for me to come back with a new perspective on everyday campus life. The mundane here at Bates is still mundane to me, but maybe I'm able to transcend the boredom and see the importance of it all. Perhaps I'm just reaching too far.

One thing that has changed is that people are hoarding plastic mugs like there's no tomorrow. I see the appeal, but I don't see a profit on the black market or eBay. I guess they are pretty cool, but in the end they are still just plastic mugs. They are great for hot chocolate, but not so much for hoarding.

Hopefully people have made it their New Year's resolution to return all of the mugs they have to make this particular practice of conservation a success. On the same note, hopefully everyone at Bates had a wonderful New Year. I, on the other hand, did not. On New Year's Eve I wanted to pop a particularly robust balloon, so I held it with my left hand and slammed my hands together. The balloon exploded because of my power, but I slammed my left thumb and it was very swollen and purple the next day. I thought it was broken, but now it's doing okay. Crisis averted.

Also on campus there is construction all around with the new dining hall and dormitory well underway. Trees have

been cut down since last year, ground has been leveled and trucks and construction workers are busy providing future Batesies with great new facilities. Maybe it's just me, but I don't mind the construction so much. I remember when Conan O'Brien was getting a new set on his "Late Night" show, I was distraught at the notion. I liked the old set and didn't want it to go away. But when he got the new set, I was excited and realized I liked the new one even more. It was then that I learned, from Conan and his staff, the lesson that "out with the old, in with the new" is not always such a bad thing.

Then again, listening to me would be taking advice from the kid that lived in the all-male house last year. Going abroad has given me new perspective on my old housing situation. It was miserable going through the whole year not talking to girls. However, I'm confident that this will be the year I finally talk to girls. This new ambitious spirit that has overtaken me is probably the result of going to Scotland for a semester.

Ultimately, studying abroad is like going to another country to study at a different college. I met some great people, including my roommates who were from Northern Ireland and England. They taught me that people from different backgrounds can quickly become good friends and live together peacefully. Then they ate some of my unopened food in the refrigerator and I threatened to kill them. But we uncomfortably laughed about it later, never spoke of it again after that and peacefully continued our hostile co-ex-

istence.

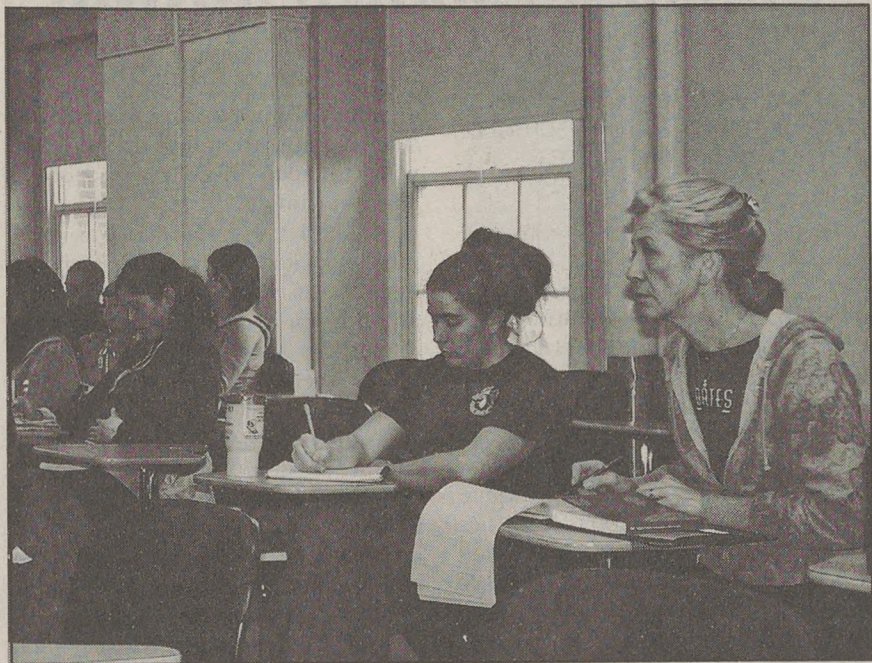
Being gone for a semester has also made me anxious to utilize the many resources that we have right here at Bates. For instance, the one-dollar movies that we can go to on campus I certainly don't utilize enough. Think about it, the movie plays on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. That's potentially three dates, three movies, for three dollars. That's three of the cheapest dates you'll ever have. It's the same movie all three times, but that's still three times seeing a movie. Notice I say three dollars because you can have the girl pay and save yourself three bucks.

I haven't done this yet, but my Dad thinks it is a great idea. He's quite frugal himself and always recognizes a bargain. He also recommended going on the three dates with three different girls to really get some bang for my buck. I'm a little weary taking any advice because of the whole not-talking-to-girls-for-a-year thing and the fact that my Dad may be a little out of touch, but we'll see how it goes.

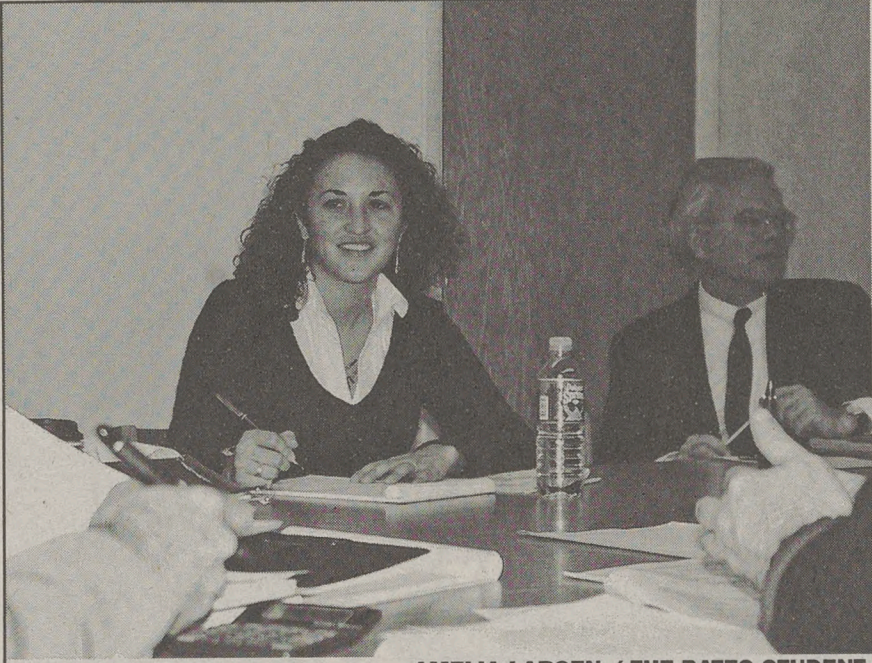
All in all, I'm happy to be back at Bates. I'm glad to see all my old friends and even have classes again. Did going to Scotland for a semester change me? Other than wearing a kilt more often than I used to, I can't say that it did. I'm still the same person who attempts to write articles for the paper every now and again. I'm just back at Bates, ready to start a new semester and enjoy everything Bates has to offer. Including the cheap movies and sweet plastic mugs.

"Freaky Tuesday"

President and Student Get a Taste of Each Other's Lives



10:17 a.m.: President Hansen attends Philosophy of Religion in Hathorn.



9:25 a.m.: Meg Creedon '08 participates in a meeting of the Enrollment Planning Group in Lane Hall.

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MANAGING NEWS EDITOR

A pair of women, one a student and the other a working professional, switch places for a day and gain valuable perspective about each other's daily lives. It may sound like the plot of a Disney movie, but this scenario happened recently at Bates—with no supernatural intervention necessary.

Meg Creedon '08 swapped schedules with President Hansen on Dec. 5, as the winning participant in a drawing for the first-annual student-president exchange. While President Hansen went through a typical Tuesday for Creedon, the acting-president's day was filled with a mix of regular meetings and specially planned events.

"It was awesome," Creedon said of the day. "I wish more people could have done it."

Creedon explained that her interest in education and how the administration system works led her to enter the contest.

"I wanted to see what role President Hansen has in things—in determining admissions, faculty and money issues," she

said.

The day was scheduled so that Creedon would have certain times to speak with college staff, alumni, faculty and students to learn more about subjects like enrollment, financial donations and future planning.

"Some of the things were set up for my benefit," she said. "It was more helpful than sitting in meetings all day where I don't know what's going on."

Creedon also filled in for Hansen during several standard events. She gave the President's Report during the weekly President's Council meeting and met with deans early in the day. As a start to her morning, the deans presented her with a mock issue and asked for Creedon's advice in dealing with it, before revealing it was fake. Later in the day, Dean Gurney and Health Center staff came to her for advice in handling another phony, yet plausible, incident—a meningitis outbreak.

"They wanted me to have a learning experience," said Creedon.

Creedon felt that the college could benefit from more opportunities for dialogue between students and the people who help run the school after her posi-

tive experience.

"There were so many people who wanted to hear the student voice," Creedon said, particularly on 'hot topics' like increasing student giving.

Overall, she felt the day was a success.

"Everybody took me seriously. They were excited I was coming—nobody was pissed that I wasn't the real president."

President Hansen echoed this support for Creedon. "People thought Meg was fabulous," she said.

Hansen was also pleased with her own experience. She said she heard about the idea for the switch from another college and was intrigued by the chance to further encounter campus life outside Lane Hall. "I know for sure I want to do it every year," she said afterward.

Hansen attended Creedon's classes, worked at her job at the front desk in Pettengill and did the warm-up at her indoor track practice.

"I was reminded of what core strengths we have in academics," she said of the school day. "The classes were so good," Hansen continued, citing the engagement, rigor and the high level of preparedness from both students and

professor.

Hansen completed all the duties of Creedon's campus job, including making copies, finding the stapler and signing for UPS packages.

"[The job] was an opportunity I rarely have to be part of the informal atmosphere at Bates. I was just like everybody else," she said.

Like in the classroom, Hansen was also impressed by the dedication and community-building, along with interactions among athletes and coaches, that she witnessed during the track and field practice.

"We always say you will learn from extracurricular activities," she said. "But this really helped me to see why that's the case."

Hansen concluded that stepping away from her job as an administrator allowed her to see more of what works well at the college, compared to her usual duties of addressing problems on campus or the future of the school.

"I didn't see anything that I had to fix," she said of the day.

Raising Diversity Questions

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this fall, he said, they now have 10 deans actively engaged in multicultural recruitment, which will continue to intensify as admissions decisions are made and accepted students are encouraged to attend. Mitchell said that this year has been "particularly successful" for networking, expanding connections to "recruit students who bring difference to Bates."

Scott expanded on Mitchell's points, adding that she has seen passion and commitment from people of all races to increase diversity at Bates and that she has been able to get help from people in many different departments and areas of the community in her efforts in recruitment.

Goundie explained that his office has little to do with recruiting, but it still has something to contribute to the drive for greater diversity and understanding on campus.

"[The office] is central to creating a climate where students understand, value and appreciate difference," said Goundie.

In particular, his office is working with JAs and RCs and looking closely at their understanding of diversity in the selection process. He is interested in making opportunities to work on the campus climate available to all members of the community.

Baker discussed the faculty office's efforts in long-range planning and networking to reach a more diverse applicant pool for open faculty positions, which includes encouraging departments to "expand horizons" on reading applications.

For current faculty, Baker said that there will soon be a call for research proposals that will focus on or include topics in diversity. "Scholarly work and teaching are intertwined," she said, so the Dean of Faculty's office intends to help faculty focus on these issues in their research. With the new general education requirements, there will be further opportunities to offer courses related to diversity, which will bring students and faculty together in discussions of these issues.

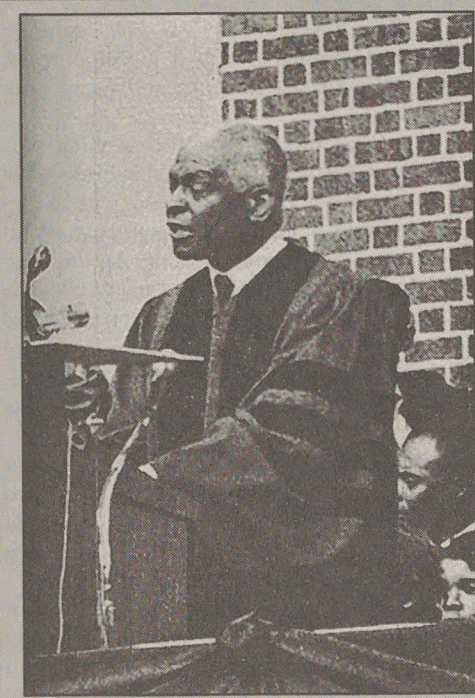
Because of time constraints, Carey and Devlin were not able to speak, though Devlin later answered a question on the funding of diversity. She said that Bates' fundraising lags behind that of its peers, but that it "has made great strides." The Office of College Advancement's goal is to have a \$5 million endowment, which will provide \$250,000 per year. "We are engaged in that process, and we are deeply committed to it," she said.

During a period of open questions from the audience, panelists were asked whether the senior administration would consider permanently adding a member to their staff to be fully committed to increasing diversity. "We want race to be involved all the time," said Rose Schwab '09.

Hansen explained that her ultimate goal is to have everyone on staff see diversity as an institutional priority. "We want to embed it, rather than have it as a separate office that could be ignored," she said.

When asked what would keep Bates accountable to its goals, which have yet to be fulfilled, Hansen replied, "We just need to do it. I don't want to put out goals I can't meet."

MLK, Jr. Day Events - Jan. 15, 2007



Dr. Benjamin Mays delivering a eulogy to Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Mays, a Bates alum, was the president of Morehouse College and an important mentor to King.

"Too bad, you say, that Martin Luther King, Jr. died so young. I feel that way, too. But, as I have said many times before, it isn't how long one lives, but how well. It's what one accomplishes for mankind that matters. Jesus died at 33; Joan of Arc at 19; Byron and Burns at 36; Keats at 25; Marlowe at 29; Shelley at 30; Dunbar before 35; John Fitzgerald Kennedy at 46; William Rainey Harper at 49; and Martin Luther King, Jr. at 39." - From eulogy to Dr. King, given by Dr. Benjamin Mays '20.

Civil Rights Movement Speakers

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ing everyone that King's struggle was not singular, but a struggle shared with thousands of activists. "We need to remember him back into his community," said Sales, speaking of the various "whitewashed" myths surrounding King's achievements. One important part of the story that often goes omitted, argued Sales, is the accomplishments of black women who contributed enormously to the movement. Rosa Parks, for example, was not simply a tired woman sitting on a bus, but a seasoned activist and member of the NAACP.

Another unmentioned legacy of the Civil Rights Movement is its peaceful nature. While George Bush quoted King in a speech justifying the War in Iraq, King actively opposed the Vietnam War and was part of a movement, as Sales explained, that "changed the Southern landscape without firing one shot." Sales urged the audience to challenge reinvention of history in which whites benevolently returned freedom to blacks in the 1960s, or stories in which the movement was led by middle class black men.

Sales then focused her attention on today's world, in which she sees the prevalence of racism, materialism, and militarism. She spoke of how racism has been reduced to a personal matter of insensitivity, when greater social and institutional racism remains, and the revival of white supremacy which downplays black peoples' relevance in society. She also critiqued the dehumanization of the Iraq war, in which "we don't believe their children have as much a right to be safe as our children." Her final remarks included a call to our generation to snap out of its complacency, to go beyond charity work which "maintains the status-quo" and challenge the institutions that keep people of different races, sexes, or sexual orientations oppressed.

Dr. Cleveland Sellers' presentation on the morning of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day also shared those themes of challenging the status-quo, looking to today's young generations to keep the struggle against injustice going, and correcting the falsehoods and gaps in

today's perceptions of the Civil Rights Movement, which honors King and ignores the numerous sacrifices made by others involved in the same cause.

Cleveland began his career as an activist as a student, when he first worked with SNCC, traveling throughout the South to encourage black people to register to vote. He later worked along side Dr. King who he considered a friend and mentor. Like Sales, he faced a great deal of violence and lost friends in the struggle for equality. He later attended Harvard Graduate School, and now teaches at the University of South Carolina.

His talk focused on remembering the greater community which King represented. Sellers listed many activists who were part of what he called "the community that believed in love, democracy, and justice." He mentioned activism that paved the way for the Civil Rights Movement in the 1960s, pointing out that thousands of students, high school and college-aged, have picketed and protested for their rights to fight for desegregation.

The Civil Rights history which Sellers spoke about involved a long list of people who refused to be oppressed and segregated, and who also took the brunt of the violence during the Civil Rights Era. At one point when remembering the murders, kidnappings and terrorist bombings that members of his generation have suffered, Sellers broke into tears and acknowledged Sales' own loss of her friend Daniels. The students and faculty present responded with a heartfelt applause. After Sellers' presentation, Prof. McClendon made a few closing remarks, and said to Sellers "you need not apologize for what you feel, what you feel is who you are."

Both distinguished speakers had a clear message; King's accomplishments were part of a collective struggle.

"King wanted it remembered only that he loved somebody... and wanted to leave behind a committed life," commented Sellers, describing an attitude he feels young generations should acquire in becoming a part of collective efforts to achieve equality and justice.

Anti-Racism Panel

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not necessarily as blatant as the graffiti in Pettengill and it can rarely be painted over—the way the stairwell was."

Fellow panelist Ben Chin '07 offered his own interpretation of racism, saying racism is about priorities and not policy, and that it is not about race but power. Chin isolated three factors that could lead to less racism on campus: accountability, transparency and measurable goals.

"People running the college need to be accountable to the college community itself.... We need to know what the budget at Bates College is [and] we need to know where [the] money that we would like to see going to financial aid is [actually] going.... [Finally,] we need to set up clear benchmarks from year to year, and we need to hold people accountable [for] getting that done."

Comparing that to fundraising, Chin joked that Bates could never raise money without a quantitative goal. He maintained that though it is difficult to ascribe

a quantitative goal to race issues, that would not downplay the goal's importance.

Other panelists included Julie Wagner '09, Michael Wilson '07 and Professor Erica Rand. Wagner emphasized the importance of understanding white privilege while noting that many white students at Bates do not think that they are part of the movement against racism. Wilson shared his experience of adhering to the movement while simultaneously struggling with the heritage of a racist household.

Rand shared a philosophy of "step-up, step-back." She explained that part of being an anti-racist is knowing the time to be in the front or the back. Rand said that whites should only step-up when they feel welcomed by people of color. Looking to the future, Rand suggested that professors include race and gender-related material in their classes. She recommended taking a step further and making certain race-related classes a requirement for all majors.

Tree Removal

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al project on campus, for instance made into a table to be placed in the library.

Others see this progression as coming at far too high a cost.

"Campuses are interesting and important places that hold on to the past while they move forward into the future," said Costlow. "And it feels as though chunks of our past have now gone."

Some students, however, think that the ends will in fact justify the means.

"I think that nostalgia and sentimental values have to sometimes take a back seat to progressivism and innovation," said Conor Sullivan '10, a student asked for his opinion about the trees. "The memorial trees can be rededicated, and I think that those people to whom the trees were dedicated would approve of all of Bates' endeavors to beautify and bolster the campus."



AMELIA LARSEN/BATES STUDENT

Foundation Movement uses music to try increase action and awareness of today social issues.

Hip-Hop Performers Stress Social Awareness, Celebrate MLK, Jr. Day

NAIMA MURPHY
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

In observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day, Bates College invited hip-hop group Foundation Movement, whose lyrics and stage presence gave voice to the need of social protest in the United States.

Foundation Movement — comprised of community leaders, from those who work with prisoners to those who coach Little League in their hometown of Boston — has used their education within schools and around the world to help the lives of those who do not have access to the same privileges. Although Foundation Movement is frequently mentioned on MTV, their words have been heard all over the world, from

Philadelphia to Tanzania and countless other locations.

The members, Erok, Optimus, and DJ El, are able to cultivate a sound that reflects their Puerto Rican and Liberian cultures while still fitting in to hip-hop culture with their crowd-moving beats. While their beats may fit in, what sets Foundation Movement apart from many popular hip-hop artists, is the quality of the content in their music. Instead of images of misogyny and violence, Foundation Movement's songs are focused on educating listeners on the social injustices that are present within everyday society.

Foundation Movement's desire to play anywhere people will listen to their pleas shows their form of community leadership outside of their day jobs.

Having claimed to have turned down deals from Def Jam so that their rhymes and message could go untouched, the group has done much more than many rap artists with million-dollar deals. Their concerts in Palestine and Israel, at times introducing their audiences to their first taste of hip hop music, gave them insight into a conflict that they can share with many back home with people, who know nothing more than what is broadcasted on our nightly news. The Foundation Movement offered more than just music, they offered a consciousness. Their words present an alternative to what most of us find in the media, and their message is one that demands change, something that, in Martin Luther King, Jr.'s memory, is especially refreshing.

Robinson Players Launch Musical Theatre Revival

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ASSISTANT ARTS & LIVING EDITOR &
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

A crowd of musical zealots gathered in the Mays Center Saturday, indulging themselves in a musical review rare for Bates theatrics. With bobbing heads, tapping feet and the uncontrollable urge to sing along, students reveled in the Broadway renditions of their peers.

Combining music, spoken dialogue and dance, musicals are quite complex. The melodious dramatics require a wide range of skill in actors and pose a multitude of visionary hurdles for directors; making them uncommon, if not nonexistent, in department productions.

A musical review has no plot of any kind; it is a list of songs from musicals of the past to be mixed together in one show. Amy Lareau '09 chose the musical review as a guns-blazing way to introduce musical theater to Bates. She described the musical review as a "kick-off event" for many more musicals to come at Bates.

"It's a very American thing, its very Broadway. But what I don't like about musicals is that the music is usually not very good and that in many cases the story is pretty lame. I like great stories, and I love great lines," avowed Professor Vecsey.

Theater Professor and faculty advisor to the Robinson's players, Katalin Vecsey has long opposed musical productions on campus. A harsh and demanding critic of her students, Vecsey believes musical productions result in mediocre and weak performances.

"So if I would have to choose between going to see a Chekhov play or an Andrew Lloyd Webber musical, without thinking twice I would go for Chekhov," said Vecsey.

Lareau wrote a review entitled "Kati hates musicals, but we don't" in an attempt to expand musical theater

at Bates. The show revealed many, such as Amy, who relish musicals and want to keep those coveted songs alive on campus.

"The fact that the Silo was completely packed and students were sitting on the windowsills and on the ground proves that there is a great interest in Musical Theater here at Bates. The audience is there; now we just need a show!" exclaimed Lareau.

A kick-off to the new Bates musical theater group, the show featured selections from "Wicked," "The Producers," "Aida," and the like. Each actor chose their own song accompanied by the pianist Kate Lyczkowski '09. From poignant solo performances of "Les Miserables," to a comical interpretive dance accompanying "Beauty and the Beast," Saturday's songsters displayed an incredible enthusiasm for the art form. The show provided a great opportunity for singers to flaunt their dramatic muscles and actors to show off their pipes.

Abruptly breaking into song certainly may seem silly to some, but there is an undeniably amusing and inspirational quality to such euphony. While most ballads lack the literary profundity of Chekov, they reveal basic human emotions, conflicts and desires. From the perils of solitude in "On my own" to the perplexing love triangles in "A step too far," audiences may easily relate to these unconventional tunes.

"Students always want and will do musicals at Bates. It's fun to do and fun to watch," acknowledged Professor Vecsey.

The Robinson Players' main stage production this semester will be a fully staged musical, the cult classic "The Rocky Horror Picture Show." These performances may very well mark the beginning of a Bates where people break into song and dance on a regular basis.

Cheesecake That Will Make You Sing

SARAH DUNN
ASSISTANT ARTS & LIVING EDITOR

In a small suburb north of Buffalo, N.Y., a budding chef grew. With obvious proficiency in the his primary art, Music Director John Corrie sought to move beyond pleasing the ear; he began to delight the stomach. Director of the Bates College choir and a lecturer in music, Corrie has developed a reputation for making a mouth-watering cheesecake.

The culinary disinterest of his wife, Professor Rebecca Corrie, ultimately drove Corrie to discover his passion for cooking. While she was enrolled in graduate school, Corrie explored the world of gastronomic wonders.

"I had a friend who had literally cooked everything out of Julia Child — interesting cause he was a diabetic — but anyway, seeing him do so, and Becky's lack of interest, I started to pick up things."

Without any professional training, Corrie taught himself how to cook. Claiming a lack of creativity in the kitchen, his expertise is in his ability to find and execute the perfect recipe. As a result, his cookbook collection has expanded tenfold, leaving even his office at Bates replete with recipes.

"I haven't gone to the Cordon Blue or the Culinary Institute of America, or something really lovely."

Bates first became aware of Corrie's delectable talent when he was in charge of the Bates Jazz band. In order to calm the nerves of anxious performers, Corrie took to baking brownies. He quickly realized how baked goods generate bliss and serenity in any college student.

As Corrie began to direct the choir, he swapped chocolate indulgences for a more interesting and variable dessert: cheesecake. After concerts he wanted to celebrate with his students, without anything as labor-intensive as a dinner party. Thus the cheesecake party tradition began.

Cheesecake appeared to be a dessert with many epicurean possibilities for Corrie, motivating him to explore all kinds of combinations. From almond cheesecake, snickers cheesecake, orange rind and chocolate cheesecake, to the lemon flavored one currently occupying his fridge, Corrie experiments with every flavor.

The key, Corrie revealed, is in the ratio of cream cheese to eggs. The more cream cheese used, the heavier the cake becomes. "A rule of thumb for most of the recipes is lightness, so you're not waddling out of the dining room when you're done."

It seems the Bates musicians are quite fortunate, even talk of Corrie's culinary expertise is enough to leave any Batesie's tummy grumbling.

Local Restaurant Features Authentic Thai Cuisine

MICHAEL SHERMAN
RESTAURANT CRITIC

Looking for authentic Thai cuisine in Maine is a difficult task, but Thai Jarearn Express is just the place to go. Located less than a mile from campus, a short southern stroll down College Street would land one at this new Thai cuisine spot. Owned and operated by the Saengwong family, who lived in Thailand for much of their lives, Thai Jarearn is new to the area. Opening last summer, the restaurant has many dishes featuring ingredients found primarily in Northeast Asia. Somaudee and Samer Saengwong are talented chefs, leaving their daughter, Supamee, in charge of the service. Thai Jarearn's low point is the atmosphere, as the previous owner of the building operated a grocery store, which is clearly noticeable.

Thai iced tea, available in both lemon and crème flavors, sweetened the palate in anticipation of the larger meal. Each entree comes with the soup of the day: a basic Asian noodle soup which was definitely low on flavor. A delicious homemade creamy orange dressing, however, gave the salad intrigue.

I decided to start with the special appetizer of the day called "Party Platters" — a variety of the ordinary appetizers in one large platter. Tofu triangles, golden bags, dumplings, crab rangoon and Asian gourmet wings were some of the many dishes in this platter. Although delicious, all were prepared using a deep fryer, while steaming would have been a healthier option. Thai Jarearn is one of the only restaurants in the area to feature sushi — both vegetarian and raw fish varieties — which was respectable by Maine standards.

It was difficult to decide what to order as a main course due to the extensive and varied menu, featuring Thai, Japanese and Korean entrees. Entrees include various dishes of chicken, beef, pork, tofu, salmon and shrimp. The first entree, "Lewiston Mountain," was an authentic Thai dish, containing traditional shrimp tempura with chilled vegetables and a crunchy noodle crust. The spiciness of the chile sauce contrasted beautifully with the shrimp.

More enjoyable was

"Gaeng Garee Gai," a dish featuring chicken thighs with a sweet coconut milk, curry-style sauce and Asian noodles.

The highlight of the evening was the "Capital Chicken," Japanese style deep-fried chicken served with a delectable Northeast Asian papaya salad and a sweet lime dressing. An unusual, but tasty rice cake banana wrap with fresh banana leaves, accompanies this wonderful dish. A vegetarian option of tofu with mixed vegetables was similar in taste to the items in Commons's vegan bar.

Desserts range from fried banana to fried ice cream. A Coconut Sticky Rice and Fresh Mango" featured a sweet ripe mango atop coconut sticky rice with sesame seed dressing.

The Saengwongs host a range of specials and events, especially during the holidays. Next up is a special menu for Valentine's Day, featuring fresh roses to take home for all couples visiting. dine-in, take-out and delivery options are all available at this local Thai restaurant. Introduce yourselves to the friendly

Saengwong family at the beginning of the meal, sit back and enjoy cheap, fresh, creative, tasty Thai Cuisine, just a half a mile from campus.



**THAI JAREARN
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65 College Street

Lewiston, ME 04240

Entree Price: \$5.95-\$10.95

Peanut Butter Cheesecake

Chocolate Peanut Cookie Crust

15 chocolate creme sandwich cookies
3 tbsp chopped peanuts

3 tbsp butter, melted

Combine in bowl and press into bottom of well greased 9 in. springform pan.

Chocolate Peanut Butter Filling

19 ounces cream cheese
1 cup sour cream
2/3 cup dark brown sugar
4 eggs & 1 egg yolk
2 1/2 tbsp sugar
2/3 cup chopped peanuts

2/3 cup whipping cream
5 tsp cornstarch
1 1/4 tsp vanilla extract
5 tsp unsweetened cocoa powder
1 1/4 cup creamy peanut butter

Combine cream cheese, sour cream, cornstarch, and brown sugar in bowl. Beat with electric mixer till smooth. Add eggs and yolk one at a time. Stir in whipping cream and vanilla extract. Remove 1 cup of mixture and put aside. Stir in peanut butter and peanuts into remaining mixture. Pour half of the peanut butter mixture into crust pan. Top with saved mixture and make marble pattern by swiding with knife. Bake at 350 for 15 min., lower to 330 and bake for 1hr and 10 min. Remove from oven. Run knife around inside edge of pan. Turn oven off and put bake in oven for 3-4 hours. Chill, uncovered overnight.

Lady Runners Beat Coast Guard at Home

ANDY PERCY
STAFF WRITER

The women's track team opened their season on Jan. 13 with a win at their home track against Coast Guard Academy, handily beating the Bears 104-52. The Bobcats won 12 of the 16 events and their solid depth gave them several additional second-and third-place performances.

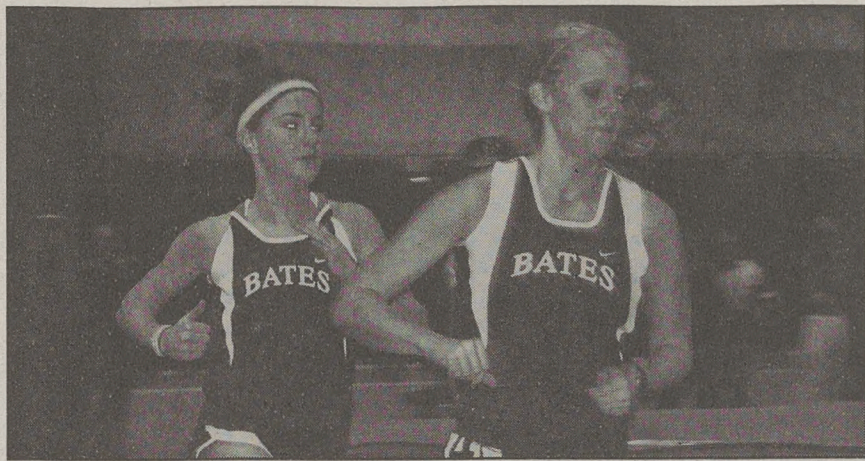
Bates excelled in the sprints, shutting out Coast Guard in nearly every event. Meredith Anderson '07 won the 200m Dash in 29.00 and was followed by Jessie Sawyer '09 in third with a time of 29.39. Bates took a 1-3 sweep in the 400m as Tara Higgins '09 won the event in 1:04.80 and was followed by co-captains Julie Shelkey '07 (1:06.25) and Becca Westlake '07 (1:06.56). In the 600m Izzy Alexander '09 took a decisive win, posting a time of 1:44.36. Amy Rosania '08 was second in 1:47.75.

"Izzy ran really well, in particular, in that race," said Rosania.

Finally, both the Bates A and B 4 x 400m relay teams beat the best Coast Guard had to offer. The A team won in 4:19.99, 18 seconds ahead their Coast Guard opponents.

Distance coach Todd Goewey has clearly done a first-rate job with the mid-distance runners. In the 1000m Katie Bash '10 was less than two seconds behind the overall winner from Coast Guard and finished second in 3:08.41. Jenn Caban '07 had a strong race and finished third in 3:09.33.

Both Bash and Caban qualified for the ECAC Championships in March. The mile was ultimately a race between Molly Balentine '08 and Morgan Maciewicz '10.



Molly Balentine '08 and Morgan Maciewicz '10 cruise to blowout of Coast Guard.

wicz '10. Balentine took over the lead from a Coast Guard runner about halfway through the race, and, while Maciewicz never led, she pushed the pace and helped Balentine run her winning time in 5:30.89. Maciewicz was second in 5:31.43. Both runners qualified for Division III New England Championships.

In the 3000m, Emily Williams '07 showed that she has carried her excellent race strength in cross country over to the track. Williams won in 11:04, 14 seconds in front of the second place Coast Guard runner. Jessie Smith '09 and Elise Lange '10 took third and fourth in the event, respectively, in 12:09 and 12:11. Co-captain Kathryn Moore '07 did not compete in the meet so that she could rest for upcoming races.

The Bates jumpers won every event. Lily Gordon '10 won the high jump in 4-10.25 while Liz Murphy '08, who just returned from a semester abroad, finished third. Alexander won the pole vault in 8-00.00 and was followed by

Taisy Conk '07 in second place with a vault of 6-11.75. Jen Marino '09 won the long jump in 15-01.50 and a mere inch behind was Anderson in second place. Marino also won the triple jump in 33-03.75 – good enough to qualify for DIII New Englands. Gordon was right behind in second place with a jump of 29-09.50.

While Coast Guard had twice the number of throwers, Bates still managed to take first in the shot put and second in the weight throw. Vantiel Duncan '10 won the shot put in an impressive 37-05.25, beating her nearest competitor by nearly three feet, and qualifying for DIII New Englands. Cassandra Kirkland '08 took second in the weight throw with a toss of 44-01.25.

"I think it was a great first meet; everyone did well, and even though we lost a lot of talent last year [to graduation], we have a lot of enthusiasm on this year's team," said Rosania.

Bates will compete at the Tufts Invitational next Saturday.

Women's Swimming Owns Gordon and Babson, Men Fall to 2-6

BRENDAN BRODEUR
STAFF WRITER

The Bobcats swam their last home meet of the season Saturday in front of a lively crowd at Tarbell Pool. The women dominated both Gordon and Babson Colleges, improving their record to 4-4, while the men lost to Babson, but triumphed over Gordon. The men fell to 2-6.

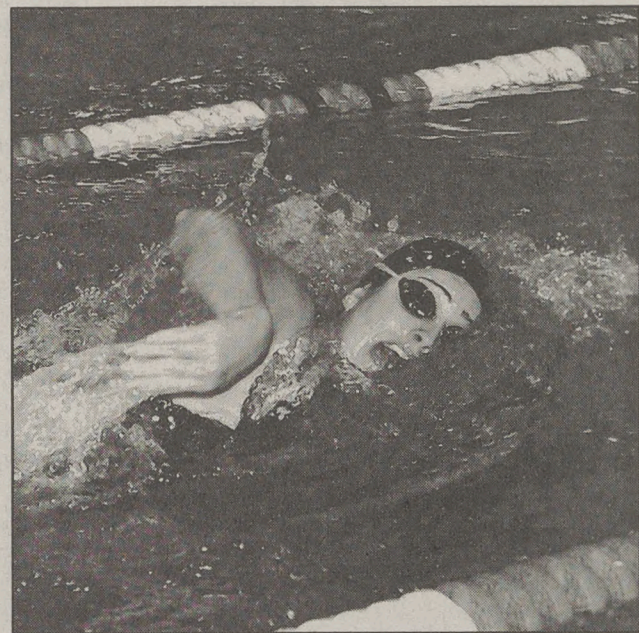
After a long and arduous training trip in Florida, both teams are eager to hop in the water and win some races. With the return of five juniors from their respective trips abroad, the Bobcats are now competing with complete rosters. Rejoining the men is freestyle swimmer Patrick Flaherty '08. The women gain freestyle and Individual Medley swimmer Annie Barton '08, sprint freestyle Kelsey Omstead '08, Emilie Swenson '08 for the backstroke, butterfly and freestyle and veteran diver Tasha Rosener '08.

Saturday's home tri-meet saw some stellar performances in the water for both teams. First-year swimmer Katelyn Drake set a new Bates record in the 100 backstroke with a time of 1:01.36, claiming her title by .04 seconds from the record set in 1998. The women won both the 400 medley and free races, with a time of 4:17.93 in the medley and an all-first-year relay time of 3:56.17 in the free relay. Sophomore Bailey Johnson touched first in the 100m free and Claire Beers '10 had a personal best in the 200m free. All-American Kelsey Lamdin '09 took first in both the one-meter and three-meter diving while Rosener placed third in the one-meter diving and Annaliese Rudis '09 placed second.

The men swam exceedingly well in the water for their last home meet. Senior co-captain Charles Swanson placed first in the 1000 free, finishing 17 seconds before all his competitors. First-year Jake MacNaughton placed first in the 500 free with 5:11.47. First-year Taylor Sosnowski won the men's 100 free with a time of 50.68 and the 200 free with a time of 1:53.48. Diver co-cap-

tain Dan Perry '08 took second place in the 1-meter but won the 3-meter event.

This season the Bates swimming and diving teams have been traveling across New England for their swim meets. Before winter break both teams traveled to Trinity College and experienced dual losses to the rival Bantams. Four days later and the week before exams, Bates hosted Bowdoin for the first of only two home meets this season. Despite losses for both the men and



AMELIA LARSEN/THE BATES STUDENT
A Bates swimmer leads the women's team to a victory over Babson College.

women, Bates raced well in the 100 free as Esther Kendall '10 and Sosnowski won, respectively, over the Polar Bears' freestyle swimmers.

During winter vacation and after a training trip in Florida the Bobcats continued to travel and swim. In Vermont they swam against University of New England and Norwich University. The women added two wins to their record while the men added a narrow win against UNE and a close but short loss by 18 points to Norwich. The Bobcats stayed in Vermont for a NESCAC meet at Middlebury College the next day. The men lost 162-78 and the women too with a closer 160-128. However, all was not lost as Drake upset Middlebury's senior backstroke swimmer in the 100, out-touching her by .71 seconds.

Only three meets remain until the season's NESCAC championship meet. In the meantime, the Bates men and women have Tufts and Wellesley in sight, with a NESCAC rival race against Colby on the horizon for next Saturday in Waterville.

Men's Track Soars to Victory

JESSIE SAWYER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

Men's indoor had yet to compete as a team before four Bobcats qualified for New Englands. On Dec. 9, Bates held a pentathlon competition. The pentathlon events include the long jump, high jump, shot put, 55-meter hurdles and 1000m. All 10 of the male competitors qualified for New England Division III Championships, including Bobcats Erik Born '10, Andrew Tibbetts '07, Noah Glick '10 and Sam Murphy '07.

Born led Bates in points, placing second overall to Tufts' Jared Engelking and scoring 3,034 points. His score earned him eighth place on Bates all-time performance list. The meet was Born's second time competing in the pentathlon throughout his track-and-field career. While he did not enjoy the event in high school, he decided to give it another chance this year since he was already training for the pentathlon events anyway.

"I didn't do as well as I hoped in the jumps, but my hurdle time was better than I could have hoped," said Born. He was also pleased with his shot put and 1000.

In reaction to qualifying for New Englands as a first-year, Born is still trying to grasp the concept.

"At this point I don't really have a

gauge on that. It sounds cool. I mean it gives me another chance to compete. I don't know what it means to compete at that level yet," said Born.

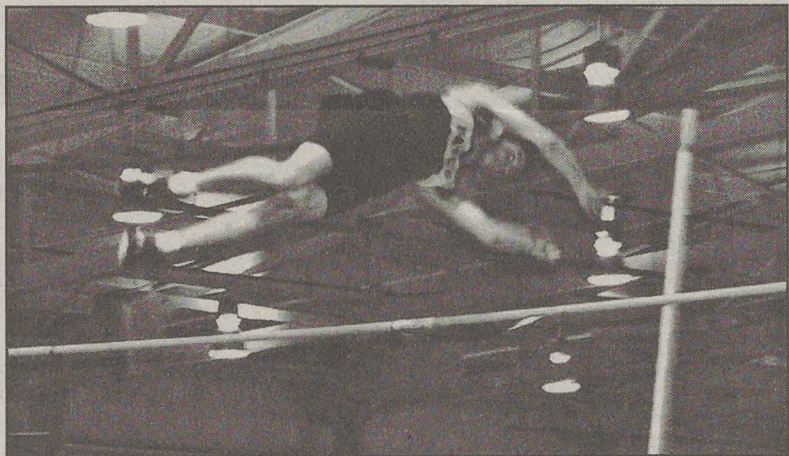
Tibbetts, returning from an injury, took third place with 2,935 points, land-

The team opened its season on Jan. 13 in a home tri-meet against MIT and Coast Guard. MIT won with 165 points, Bates took second with 101 points and Coast Guard followed in with 88 points.

Co-captains Noah Gauthier '08 and Matt Capone '07, Emmanuel Drabo '08 and Glick were first-place finishers for the Bobcats. Gauthier dominated in the shot put (46-11.5) and the weight throw (56-3.75). Capone dashed to a victory in the 55-meter at 6.69 seconds. Drabo, just returning from studying abroad, took first with his 43-5.25 in the triple jump. Glick took the high jump with a 6-1.25 altitude. The 4x400 relay team (Capone, Murphy, Carlos Castro '10 and Thomas) was victorious with a 3:32.49 finish, edging out Coast Guard's clocking of 3:32.56.

Tibbetts claimed third in the 55-hurdles at 8.54, followed by Born with an 8.71 finish. Capone and co-captain Sam Thomas took second and third in the dash, crossing the line at 23.02 and 23.29, respectively. Thomas also merited a second-place finish in the 400-meter-dash (51.66). James Paone '10 took third in the 600-meter-dash (1:26.92) in his first collegiate start with Bates.

The team will compete in the Tufts Invitational on Jan. 20, at 10 a.m.



AMELIA LARSEN/THE BATES STUDENT
A Bates pole-vaulter clears the bar.

ing him ninth on the all-time performance list.

Commenting on the meet, Tibbetts said, "I think it was a great start to the season. The best thing was that we had two freshmen on the team who performed really well."

Glick finished fifth with 2,896 points, earning the 10th slot on the all-time performance list. Murphy, competing in the pentathlon for the first time and fighting a sickness scored 2,527 points.

Addressing his performance, Murphy stated, "I was surprised how well I did. I just went out there to have fun because I'm probably not going to compete in it for the rest of the season."

Skaters Beat the Puck out of Lyndon State, RIC, Win 7-6 over Colby

JESSIE SAWYER
ASSISTANT SPORTS EDITOR

The men's hockey club team closed the fall semester with a 6-1 victory over Lyndon State. Sean O'Brien, who has had a strong season so far, scored two goals. Keeper Andrew Wyman also played well, only allowing one goal.

Team co-captain and president Chris Theile '07 was pleased with the team's performance, but noted that the team has room for improvement. He commented that the team can work on better puck control and passing in the neutral zone, as well as firing quicker shots on net.

"I think we could have easily put up a couple more goals (we actually did have another goal that the ref just didn't see) if we had just shot the puck more often and worked on getting rebounds," said Theile.

Lyndon's lone goal was scored on a power play after a five-minute stretch in which Bates was playing with either one or two team members in the penalty

box. Four out of the five defensemen received penalties during that time.

"We were just worn down when they finally put one in our net," commented Theile.

Lyndon State will travel to Bates in February. Theile expects to rout them again, stating that Lyndon State is one of the weakest teams in Bates' division.

The team faced Colby on Jan. 12 in front of a roaring crowd of Bobcat fans, winning 7-6. Ryan Rollo '09 and Wyman split net-time. Colby scored the first goal of the match-up with 6:11 remaining. O'Brien answered, three minutes later, netting the puck off of a Sam Boyer '10 and Mark Delguidice '09 combo. The Mules reclaimed the lead with 2:46 remaining, but Eric Hood '08 knocked in a shot to tie the score 2-2 before the end of the first period.

Bates dominated score-wise in the second period. Delguidice, Joe Shulan '07 and Wes Chaput '10 scored the only goals in the period. The Bobcats led 5-2 by the end of the period.

Will Akie '08 scored early on in the third period for Bates. With 12 minutes

remaining, Colby put up a tally. Three minutes later, Colby netted another puck to narrow the score to 6-4 in Bates' favor. Boyer scored the final goal for Bates, moments later. The Mules fought for the lead, scoring two more goals before the end of the game. Bates managed to hang onto the lead until the final buzzer.

Wyman noted that the match-up was a "very high-paced, fairly physical game."

The following day, the team traveled to play Rhode Island College. Although the team was missing five of its men, it came out on top, 9-1. Rollo played a solid game, only allowing one RIC goal in the waning minutes of the game. Dave Marr '09 was strong on defense. Co-captain Nick Tierney '07, Boyer, Carl Noblitt '07, Shulan, Chaput and Sam Kaplan '09 were among the scorers. Noblitt, Shulan and Chaput had two goals a piece.

Next weekend, the team will go on the road to face Springfield College and Westfield State College. In two weeks, Bates will have a home game against Daniel-Webster College, the current league leaders in points.

Lady Ballers Move to 9-6

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Prior to winter break, women's basketball triumphed over the University of Maine-Farmington on Dec. 6 with a 66-56 win, avenging their 52-59 loss to the Beavers the previous year. For the majority of the game, no more than a 10-point gap stood between the two teams. The Bobcats' ferocity in rebounding enhanced their offensive game. Overall, they held a 56-36 rebounding advantage over UMF. Bates entered the second half ahead, 37-28.

Kostakis earned a double-double, scoring a team-high 14 points and 15 rebounds. Lauren Yanofsky '10 also posted a double-double, scoring 10 points and bringing down a career-high 13 rebounds. Carroll also bucketed 10 points. Teammates Val Beckwith '09 and captain Katie Franklin '07 scored nine. Barton put up seven points, rebounded six and blocked four.

On Dec. 9, the undefeated Norwich team defeated Bates for the second match-up of the season, winning by a score of 66-63. The score remained tied 10 times and the lead flip-flopped often between the two teams.

Beckwith scored a career-high 25 points and tied her personal-best rebounding record of 11. Kostakis hit 18 points and rebounded seven, unfortunately fouling out of the game with just over three minutes remaining. Barton assisted nine of the baskets scored, also achieving six rebounds and three steals.

After the holidays, Bates participated in the Salem State College Christmas Tournament. Bates lost 67-80 to Kean University in the opening round on Dec. 29. Beckwith scored a team-high 17 points. Kostakis scored 11 points and achieved a team-high nine rebounds. Barton had a game-high eight assists.

The next day of the tournament, Bates redeemed itself with a 71-48 win over Salem State. Leading 40-26 at halftime, Bates surged into the second half determined to achieve a victory. Beckwith pressured on the attack, scoring 23 points overall. Kostakis knocked down 16 and rebounded a game-high of 10, achieving her sixth double-double of the season. Barton dealt nine assists. For the Salem Lady Vikings, Lindsey Watkins '08 scored 14 points and Katie Bielonko '10 bucketed 12 points.

Due to her strong performance in the tournament, Beckwith was named to the

all-tournament team. Between the two games, she averaged 20 points, four rebounds and four assists.

Opening the New Year, Bates participated in the Williams College Winter Classic. The Bobcats defeated the Bridgewater State Bears, 57-49, coming back from a deficit in the second half. Beckwith tipped off the New Year with a respectable start, not only scoring a game-high 17 points, but also earning NESCAC Player of the Week honors earlier that day.

Kostakis hit 15 points and rebounded 11 for her seventh double-double of the season. Yanofsky bucketed 11 points and had five rebounds. Barton led both teams in assist with six.

Bates faced conference rival Williams in the second day of the tournament, dropping a 53-64 heartbreaker. The Williams Ephs put the pressure on early, jumping out to an 18-7 lead in the first six minutes of play. Maggie Miller '07 earned a double-double, scoring 12 of her 14 points in the first half.

Beckwith and Kostakis both received all-tournament honors, scoring 12 points a piece in the Williams game. For the opponents, Meghan Stetson earned the tournament MVP title, scoring 23 points.

The team hosted its first home game of the year on Jan. 9, defeating the Colby Mules 75-66. The game was tight, but the Bobcats' fierce game in the second half merited them with the win, sinking 64.3 percent of their shots and out-rebounding the Mules, 18-14.

"Our first half was a bit shaky. We couldn't click defensively, but in the second half we were a completely different team," said Kostakis.

The Bobcats continued their intensity in the NESCAC opener against Trinity on Jan. 12, claiming a 69-56 victory. After indicating that a hard-played second half was the key to winning the previous game, Kostakis continued that mentality, scoring 16 of her 20 points in the second half. Kostakis also earned a game-high 14 rebounds. Barton scored 18 and had a game-high seven assists. Beckwith contributed 14 points, five rebounds and a game-high six steals.

Jan. 13, Bates fell, 51-65, in a NESCAC duel against the Amherst Lord Jeffs. Amherst maintained a 10 to 14-point lead for the majority of the remainder of the game.

The Bobcats will travel to Tufts on Jan. 20 to play a 3 p.m. game.

Bates Nordic Wins at First Maine State Championships

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From the start of this weekend, it was clear that the newly inaugurated Maine State College Ski Championships—known as the Broomhall Cup, would be a clash primarily between Colby and Bates. Other schools competing in the field included Universities of Maine in Orono, Presque Isle and Fort Kent. All schools are newcomers to the sport of Nordic skiing, and with the exception of UMaine Presque Isle, none of these teams has competed as NCAA teams previously. Bowdoin was the only other regular competitor in the NCAA carnival circuit, but the Polar Bears have long been acknowledged as the least competitive Nordic ski team in New England.

With that being said, Bates entered the competition with high spirits, knowing that the Bobcats defeated Colby consistently all throughout the 2006 carnival season. The races took place at Black Mountain in Rumford Maine, and due to limited snowfall, had to take place on 1.6 kilometers of man-made snow.

The first day featured classic style races of 4.6 kilometers for the women and 9.5 kilometers for the men. The second day of races had freestyle (or skate style) races and were both 9.5 kilome-

ters in length.

For the men, Sylvan Ellefson '09 led the Bates team both days with a first place finish in Saturday's race and a second place overall finish on Sunday. Ellefson traded his lead with Colby's Fred Bailey who was second on Saturday, but won Sunday's race. Both of these results greatly helped the Bates team on their way to claiming the championship in a close battle with Colby.

Two other skiers, Tim Whiton '09 and Sam Evans-Brown '09, put in results that were needed to tip the scale in Bates' favor. Evans-Brown finished Saturday's race with a strong third place, showing his strength in the classical technique, and claimed sixth on Sunday's Skate race. Perhaps the most exciting and surprising results for the Bates men came from Whiton. Whiton was finally able to show his skills after over-training last season, leading to disappointment when he was not able to



RUSTY MILHOLLAND/COURTESY PHOTO

Gretchen Grebe '09 skis to a Maine State Championship.

make Bates' traveling team. This summer Whiton vowed to train smarter, not harder and the results were clear. Whiton finished an incredible fourth for Maine collegiate skiers in Saturday's race. Though classic is generally his best technique, Whiton was able to reproduce the result in the skate race on Sunday.

The drama of the two days of races was embodied by the men's races. In the first day, the Bobcat's first, third and fourth showing gave them a six-point lead. On the second day, Colby took first, third and fifth, while Bates took second, fourth and sixth and lost three points of their lead.

On the women's side, the first day belonged to Bates. The three scoring skiers Ha-leigh Armstrong '09, Nicole Ritchie '09 and Emily Poole '07 were in first, third and fourth respectively, but four other Bates skiers, Lauren Jacobs '07, Meghan Somers '09, Kaitlyn McElroy '08 and Abigail Samuelson '10, were packed into the top ten. The collective effort garnered Bates 13 points towards their day one lead over Colby.

On the second day, the women (like the men) also suffered disproportionately from waxing and crowding issues, and the top Bates woman was senior Captain Emily Poole in fifth.

"Skating has always been my strongest technique," said Poole. "I feel much more confident heading into skate races."

She was followed closely by teammates Abby Samuelson '10 and Gretchen Grebe '09 in sixth and seventh. However, two Colby skiers managed to squeeze in front of the Bates women and take three

points from the Bobcat lead.

When all was said and done, the two combined Bates teams amassed a day-one lead of 19 points. They were able to maintain their lead thanks to this large buffer, and finished the weekend with 185 points to Colby's 171.

The real value of the races this past weekend was to get the team mentally and physically fit for the upcoming Carnival races. Apart from being physically strenuous, the carnival circuit has an incredibly challenging field of competitors. Perennial powerhouse schools like Middlebury, Dartmouth and the University of Vermont routinely have skiers who compete internationally, while almost every other school has skiers who have qualified for U.S. Junior National Championships several times.

This weekend's races highlight Bates' readiness to challenge schools such as UVM, Dartmouth and Middlebury. While they weren't scored for Maine State Championships, the lack of snow all over New England drew many competitors. Dartmouth and UVM participated in the races, despite being ineligible to win the cup. Bates' top racers were in the mix with both of these schools' best.

After his races, sophomore standout Sylvan Ellefson '09 expressed his excitement about the Bates team this year.

"As a team, I am so impressed with how everyone entered the weekend. A lot of people were really psyched to go out and show what they have today. Tim Whiton, for example, I'd have to call it an outstanding performance by Timothy Whiton, he should be pleased with how he is skiing now."

Men's Basketball Falls to NESCAC Foes

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The men's basketball season is officially underway as the garnet men begin NESCAC play. The squad started the season a perfect 11-0, recently defeating Elms College, Union College and the University of New England. In the Sig Makofski Invitational with games against Elms and Union, the Bobcats were led by Co-Captain Rob Stockwell, who was named the tournament's most valuable player, had two double-doubles and averaged 19 points and 12.5 boards over the two game stretch.

The Bates men's basketball team is now about to endure the toughest part of their season, NESCAC play. No matter how difficult each match-up looks on paper, the Bobcats will have to bring the noise against each opponent as every conference game is, to some degree, a rivalry game. Any sports fan will tell you that rivalry games are the toughest games to win.

Bates suffered two difficult losses to a tough Trinity team, 63-68 and the second ranked Lord Jeffs of Amherst, 64-79. Against Trinity, Stockwell led the way with another double-double, 17 and 14, while Zak Ray '07 added 14. Brian Wholey '08 and Chris Wilson '10 also scored in double figures with 13 and 12 points respectively.

The killer for Bates was shooting as they shot .538 in the first half while only dropping 26.9 percent of their shots in the second half. Against Am-



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Rob Stockwell '07 scores a layup in the paint against Amherst.

herst, Stockwell had another big day with 20 points. Support from the freshmen class came with Chris Wilson and Jimmy O'Keefe netting 10 points each. Zak Ray '07 turned in impressive stats in several offensive categories, posting eight points, six boards and six assists for the Bobcats, who out-rebounded Amherst 44-29. The Achilles heel was once again shooting as the Lord Jeffs shot 51.8 percent to Bates' 33.3 percent from the floor and 81.3 percent from the charity stripe to Bates' 66.7 percent.

Even though the 'Cats have hit a bump in the road, losing their last two

games, it would be foolish to think anything but bright thoughts for this team in the future. They play great team basketball on both ends of the court, particularly on defense. There is a good amount of depth and heart on the team which should serve to get them through some of their toughest challenges.

This team has a solid group of core leaders with five seniors and an experienced coach who has seen a great deal of basketball. They travel to St. Joseph's on Tuesday Jan. 16 and will host Husson College and Tufts on Thursday and Saturday respectively.

Women's Squash Improves to 6-3

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Women's squash returned to campus before the end of winter break in order to face the three-time defending champion Yale Bulldogs. Despite impressive performances, the Bobcats, currently ranked ninth, lost 8-1 to the Bulldogs.

Sophomore Margot Webel, at the number nine spot, earned the winning point for the Bates team. She defeated her opponent 9-7, 9-6, 9-6. This match, which occurred on Jan. 6, is the first recorded time that any

Yale athletic team has visited Bates on its home turf.

Next, the Bobcats victoriously took on the number 12 team, Colby. This match, which occurred on Jan. 10, brought the Bates team to a record of 6-2 for the season. All of the positions from four downwards won their matches, as did Kelsey Engman, the senior co-captain who plays at the number one spot.

Following its visit to Colby, the Bates team visited Trinity on Jan. 12. The Bobcats put up an ultimately unsuccessful fight against the Bantams, currently ranked third in the nation.

The Trinity team won each individual match and collectively gave up only three games. Junior Caroline Lemoine, playing at the number six position, won two of those games and fellow junior Jenny Imrich won the other.

The Bobcats now boast a 6-3 record. Next for the Bates women's squash team is a round robin tournament against Cornell, Mount Holyoke and Middlebury, all at Yale. Jan. 19 marks the Bobcats' next home match, against Northeastern.

but the garnet men managed to fight to a 5-4 victory.

Weisskopf and Sean Wilkinson '08 both won all three of their matches. Weisskopf yielded a mere 21 points in his three matches, taking 79.4 percent of his matches' points.

The Bobcats next play Friday Jan. 19 at home against Northeastern. They play Conn. College, Hamilton and St. Lawrence on Jan. 20 and Stanford on Jan. 21. All games are at home.

After sneaking by Cornell 5-4, the Bobcats blew out Hobart 9-0. Franklin and Marshall gave Bates some trouble

Rose Bowl Reflections

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Going to Bates College provides opportunities that students at larger universities do not have. Unfortunately, this does not include the surreal experience of major college football. Though Division III athletics offers an intimate environment for the viewer, and the assurance that the athletes are, in fact, actual student-athletes, Bates and similar schools cannot compete with the athletic departments of Division I schools.

None of this information is particularly ground-breaking, but one doesn't fully grasp this disparity until he or she experiences it first hand. That was the situation I found myself in over this holiday vacation. I am absurdly lucky to have a friend whose parents are alumni of the University of Michigan, and who happened to have an extra ticket to the "Granddaddy of Them All," the Rose Bowl Game.

In perhaps one of the greatest opportunities of my life, I was going to the most prestigious bowl game that featured two of college football's most revered programs, Michigan and USC, for free. It was my version of a Christmas Miracle—my opportunity to experience up close and personal the different levels of college football. It also let me settle one burning issue: if I had to choose, which level would I prefer?

The Rose Bowl Game itself represents the best that major college football has to offer. It is ripe with tradition and class. Though it is clearly a money-driven event, it is not as ostentatious as other games. "The Rose Bowl Game presented by Citi," although a shameless plug, is infinitely better than the "FedEx Rose Bowl" or the "PapaJohn's.com Rose Bowl."

The tradition extends even deeper. Unless it is the national championship game, it is always played on New Year's Day, and almost always features a match-up between the Big Ten and Pac-10 conferences. When it is the national title game and does not feature its classic pairing, it is normally a good thing (USC-Texas, 2005). Nothing in Lewiston can top that.

This year, the tradition was in place. Two of the premier college football programs, who boast a significant amount of both historical and contemporary success, were going to butt heads. Both teams had been in contention for the national title and this game was the consolation match.

Before taking our seats, we watched the players file into the stadiums off of their chartered buses. USC arrived first and before the players got off the bus, it began shaking from side to side and you could hear them firing each other up within. They exited to an uproar, wearing black warm-up suits. Michigan's entrance could not have been more different. The Wolverines were strictly business and all the players donned suits. It was a perfect dichotomy of the cool Californians and the

hard-working Midwesterners. As I handed my ticket to gain entry, I made two mental notes: USC seemed more relaxed, and Mike Hart was really short.

The seats were good, not great, and planted in the middle of the Michigan cheering section. The marching bands were impressive, and when Michigan's blasted out "Hail to the Victors," half of the stadium shook. When the Trojan planted the sword at midfield, the other half responded. I have been to a Final Four, the NFL playoffs and a World Series, but none could match this pageantry.

The game started and the first half was a bore. Michigan seemed predictable and conservative, while USC could not get its offense running. Both defenses were fast and ferocious, full of future NFLers who had dominated the first half. The biggest development of the game so far was when a USC song girl's skirt flew up a little too high and her posterior was exposed on national television (note: this is why YouTube exists). Unfortunately, my seat wasn't that good.

In the second half, USC came out slinging it, and Dwayne Jarrett took the game completely over. John David Booty came into his own at quarterback, and Michigan was flat-out embarrassed. The headhunters would, undoubtedly, start calling for Lloyd Carr's head when this one was over.

As night came, crowds of maize and blue began to exit the stadium, while the cardinal and gold reverberated.

All things considered, the Rose Bowl ranked in the top three sporting events I have ever experienced; it can't top a Game 5 World Series win or a victory over the rival Packers with a last-second touchdown pass. Overall, the whole event made me think of the contrasting versions of college football, and more importantly, which one I preferred.

The decision was not easy. Clearly, the game is played at a better level in Division I, and that should be the only deciding factor. But for every advantage that major college football seems to have over Bates, there are smaller things that make the NESCAC games so great. The players are actual students unlike players at big-time schools. Games are much more interesting when you have a serious vested interest and get to express it. I love being able to scream meaningful insults (read: you are so close to them they actually will hear you) at the opposition. Major college football just can't fill this void.

The games aren't driven by money or endorsements, and are played more for the love of the game. In some cases you actually know the participants; they aren't competing in a semi-pro event with money as the main motivation. In essence, the NESCAC is a much purer form of football, not corrupted by the business aspects of big-time sports. It makes the game and experience a little more meaningful. And that's the feeling that I prefer.

Nevertheless, there is no way I would ever board a commercial airplane at 7:30 am on New Year's Day to see a Bates game.